



# San Diego County Sheriff's Department

## Homicide Detail

### Media Information

**SUBJECT:** Homicide Investigation

**LOCATION:** 24478 Del Amo Road, Ramona

**DATE/TIME:** January 3, 2018 / 12:07 p.m.

**DECEASED:** Samantha Hayes Benegas

**INJURED:** Bryan Hinkle

**The following information is fragmentary and has not been completely verified. It is based, in part, on hearsay and is intended for early information use rather than being a formal investigative report.**

On Wednesday, January 3, 2017, just after 12:00 p.m., deputies from the Ramona Sheriff's Substation responded to a 911 call regarding unknown trouble at 24478 Del Amo Road in Ramona. The caller told dispatchers there was a murder and a suicide at that address, then hung up. The caller has not been identified. When deputies arrived, they found an adult female, later identified as twenty-two-year-old Samantha Hayes Benegas of El Cajon, deceased at that location. They also found an adult male, later identified as thirty-five-year-old Bryan Hinkle of Ramona, nearby with a serious wound. Hinkle was airlifted to a local hospital for treatment, but is not expected to survive. A weapon was recovered at the scene.

The Sheriff's Homicide Detail was called to the scene and has assumed investigative responsibility. The case is being investigated as a homicide.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office completed the autopsy on Samantha Benegas and preliminary results have been released. The cause of death has been ruled a gunshot wound and the manner of death is homicide.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Detail at (858) 974-2321/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 and be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

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